

# New Titles

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## Paper Walls America and the Refugee Crisis 1938-1941

David S. Wyman

"It is a fantastic commentary on the inhumanity of our times that for thousands and thousands of people a piece of paper with a stamp on it is the difference between life and death." So wrote the journalist Dorothy Thompson in 1938, referring to Europe's persecuted people. Nazi terror had begun, but the Germans were still encouraging emigration. Extermination was not yet Hitler's Final Solution. If, between 1938 and 1941, the world had made room for the Jews and their fellow victims, the history of our time would have been significantly different.

Mr. Wyman recounts the involved and tragic story of the American response to the refugees during that crucial period. He discusses both the ambiguous role of particular figures and organizations and the underlying forces at work in our society which influenced the decision-makers. Anti-Semitism, nativism, fear of unemployment and of Nazi subversives are revealed as the major pressures to which they succumbed. Expediency triumphed over morality.

By assessing the political and social realities in depth, the author is able to avoid the familiar simplistic condemnations of FDR, the State Department, and Congress. What emerges with stark clarity is that our refugee policy from 1938 to the end of 1941 was no better and no worse than what we as a nation wanted.

A member of the history department at the University of Massachusetts, David Wyman received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1966. He is at work on a second volume which will carry the history of America's response to refugees from Nazism through World War II.

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## Native and Naturalized Plants of Nantucket

Frank C. MacKeever  
edited by Harry E. Ahles

Nantucket Island offers a fascinating laboratory for the student of insular flora. On this small island grow plants which have evolved differently from their general species, or which are unique to New England, unknown to the rest of the country, or have reached their northern limits.

Until the present catalogue, the most recent flora of the island has been Eugene Bicknell's "Ferns and Flowering Plants of Nantucket" (*Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club*) published from 1908 to 1919. Recognizing the need for a revised interpretation, the late Frank C. MacKeever, who was for eighteen years chief custodian of the herbarium at the New York Botanical Garden, made numerous excursions to Nantucket to collect specimens. Over a nine-year period he deposited some 2000 voucher specimens in herbaria, evaluated their names, which appeared in synonymy, and assigned the present-day nomenclature, virtually completing his work at the time of his death.

The catalogue, which has been prepared for publication by Harry E. Ahles of the botany department at the University of Massachusetts, is both a significant contribution to botanical science and a memorial to an outstanding botanist.

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## Culture and Change in India The Barpali Experiment

Thomas M. Fraser, Jr.

A subject for controversy among social planners, the Barpali Project was designed by the American Friends Service Committee as an experiment in community development. Working in the Orissa region of India, the developers assisted in establishing a series of specific change programs on the basis of felt need and self-help.

Mr. Fraser discusses ten of these projects, including those with organizational, educational, health, and mechanical training goals. He analyzes the specific sociocultural forces at work in each and views them from the perspective of an integrated cultural system. With admirable objectivity, he considers the paradoxical effects of intercultural relationships and the dynamics of culture and change. The conclusions are a significant contribution to the literature on the development and modernization of non-Western societies.

A member of the anthropology department at the University of Massachusetts, Mr. Fraser has done field work in New Mexico, Thailand, and Uganda, as well as in Barpali. He is the author of numerous articles and of *Fishermen of South Thailand* (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1966).

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edited by Marjorie Grene

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Contributors include E.P. Wigner, Nobel Prize-winning physicist; Torger Holtsmark, Norwegian physicist and educator; biologist Barry Commoner; the late C.F.A. Pantin, international authority on invertebrate zoology; Sigmund Koch, Professor of Comparative Studies at the University of Texas; Michael Polanyi, scientist and philosopher; John R. Silber, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas; the philosopher W. H. Bossart, University of California; philosopher and novelist Iris Murdoch; philosopher Newton P. Stallknecht of the University of Indiana; poet and novelist Elizabeth Sewall; and the philosopher Edward Pols of Bowdoin College.

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Melvyn Dubofsky

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A member of the history department at the University of Massachusetts, Mr. Dubofsky is the author of a forthcoming history of the Industrial Workers of the World.

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